



Communication Theory II

Lecture 4: Review on Fourier analysis and probability theory

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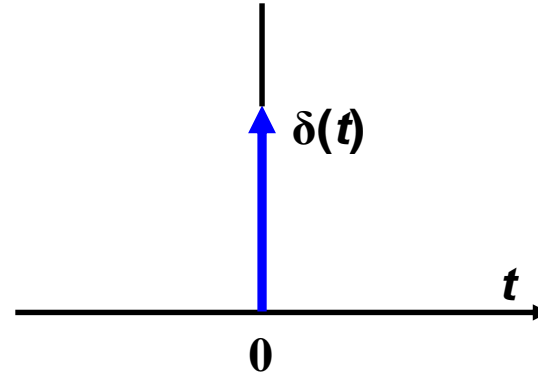
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The Dirac Delta Function (Unit Impulse)

Dirac delta function:

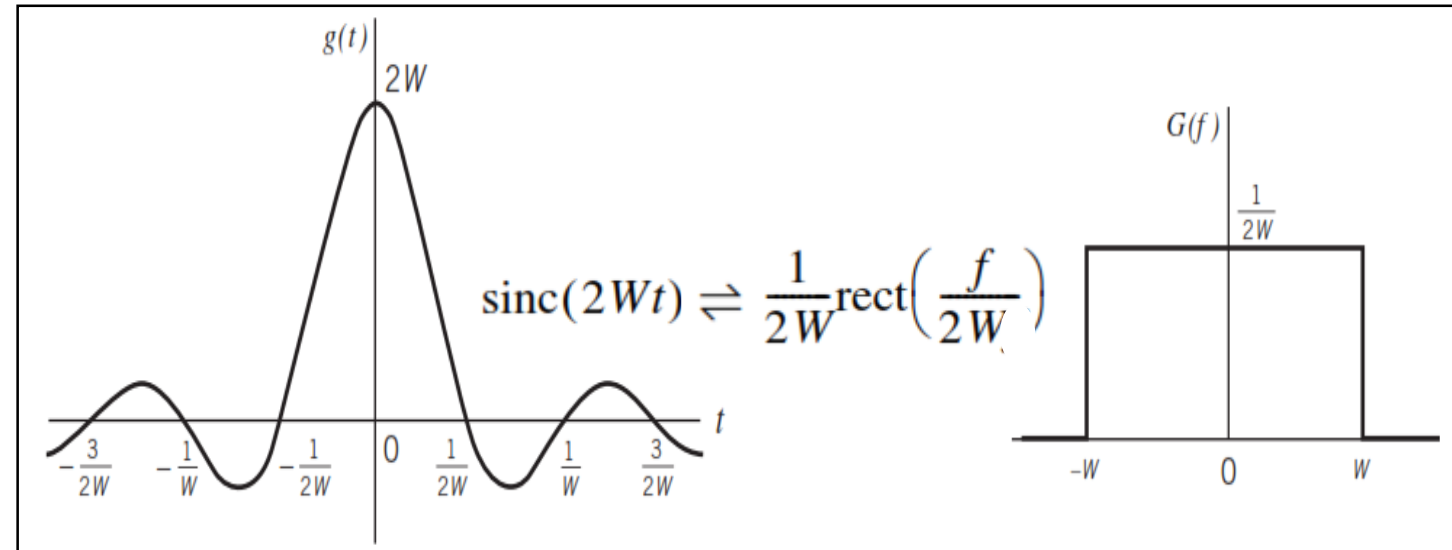
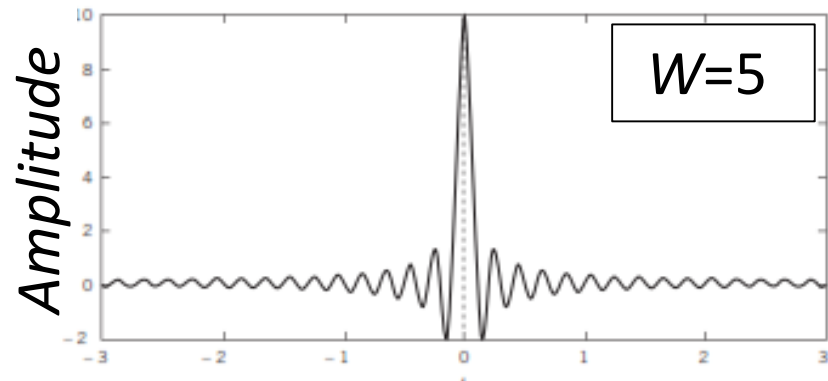
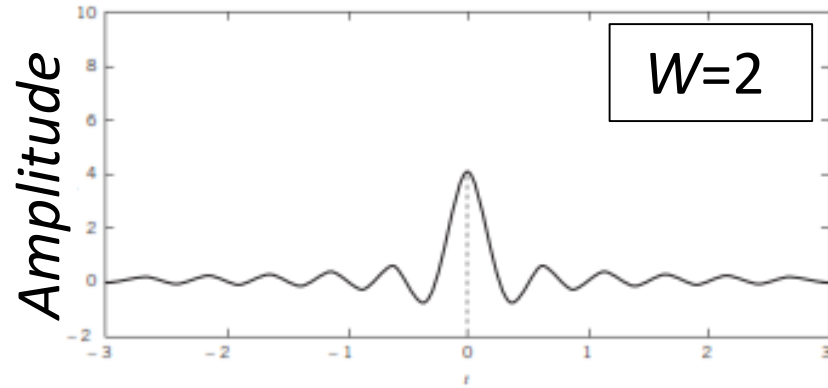
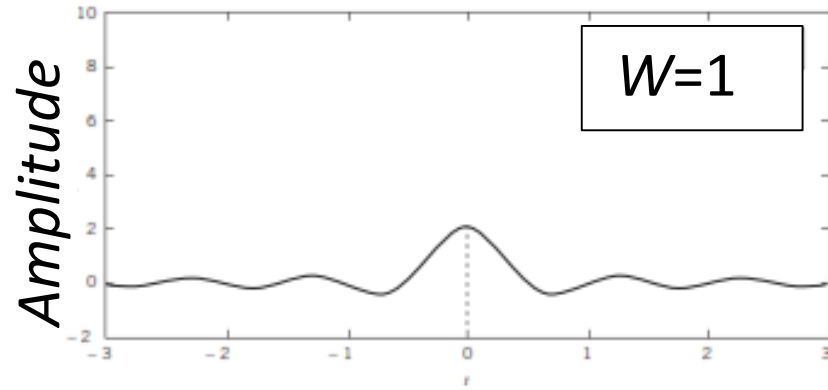
$\delta(t) = 0$ for $t \neq 0$ and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$$

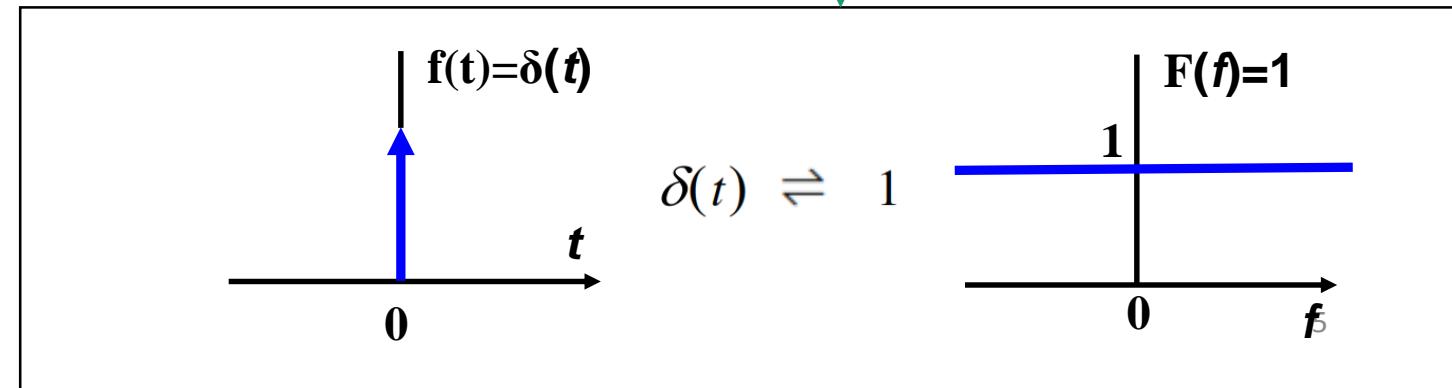


- An even function of time t , centered at the origin $t = 0$
- **Sifting property:** sifts out the value $g(t_0)$ of the function $g(t)$ at time $t = t_0$, where
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t) \delta(t - t_0) dt = g(t_0)$$
- **Replication property:** convolution of any function with the delta function leaves that function unchanged
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\tau) \delta(t - \tau) d\tau = g(t)$$

The Dirac Delta Function (cont'd)



$$\delta(t) = \lim_{W \rightarrow \infty} 2W \text{sinc}(2Wt)$$

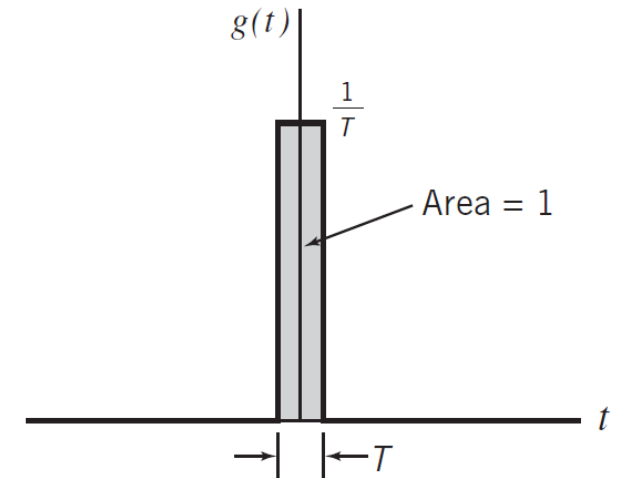


The Dirac Delta Function (cont'd)

The delta function may be viewed as the limiting form of a pulse of unit area (symmetric with respect to the origin) as the duration of the pulse approaches zero

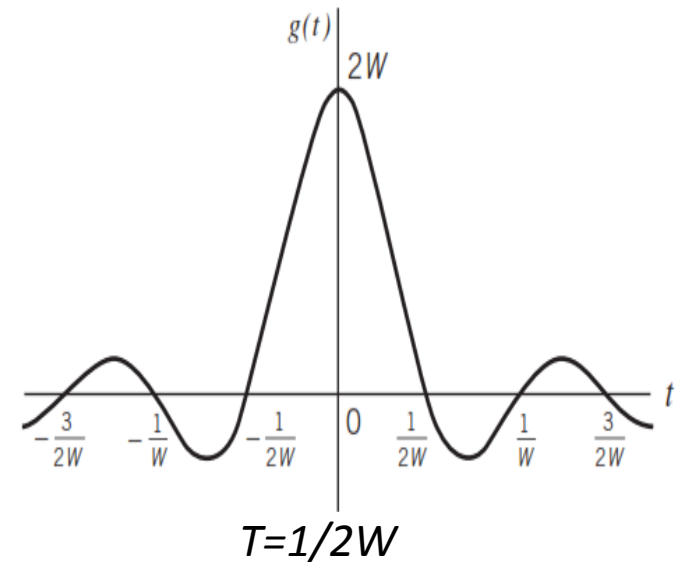
$$\delta(t) = \lim_{T \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{T} \text{rect}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$$

Rectangular impulse



$$\delta(t) = \lim_{W \rightarrow \infty} 2W \text{sinc}(2Wt)$$

Sinc impulse



Existence of Fourier Transform

For the Fourier transform of a signal $g(t)$ to exist, it is sufficient but not necessary that the nonperiodic signal $g(t)$ satisfies three *Dirichlet's conditions* of its own:

1. The function $g(t)$ is single valued, with a finite number of maxima and minima in any finite time interval.
2. The function $g(t)$ has a finite number of discontinuities in any finite time interval.
3. The function $g(t)$ is absolutely integrable; that is,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)| dt < \infty$$

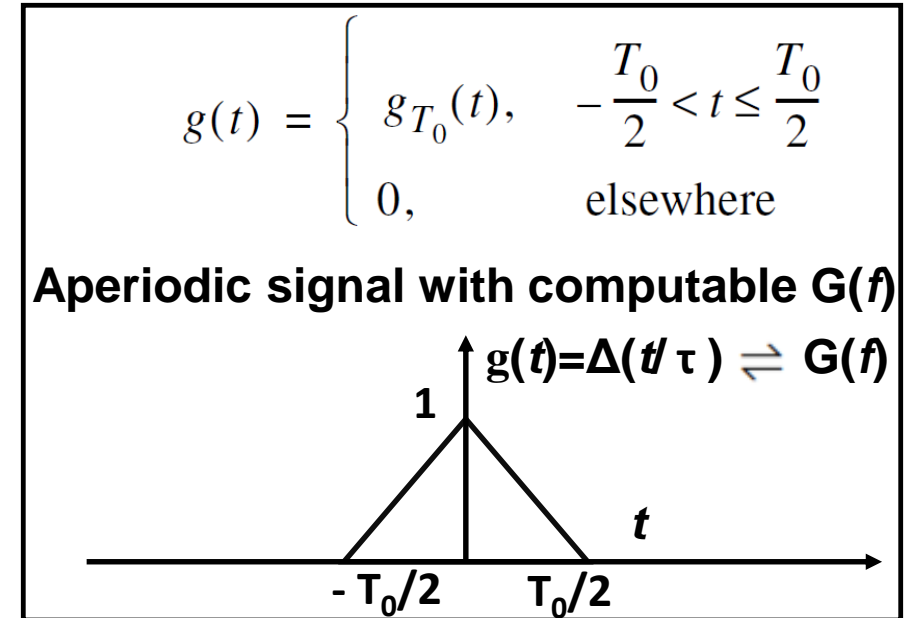
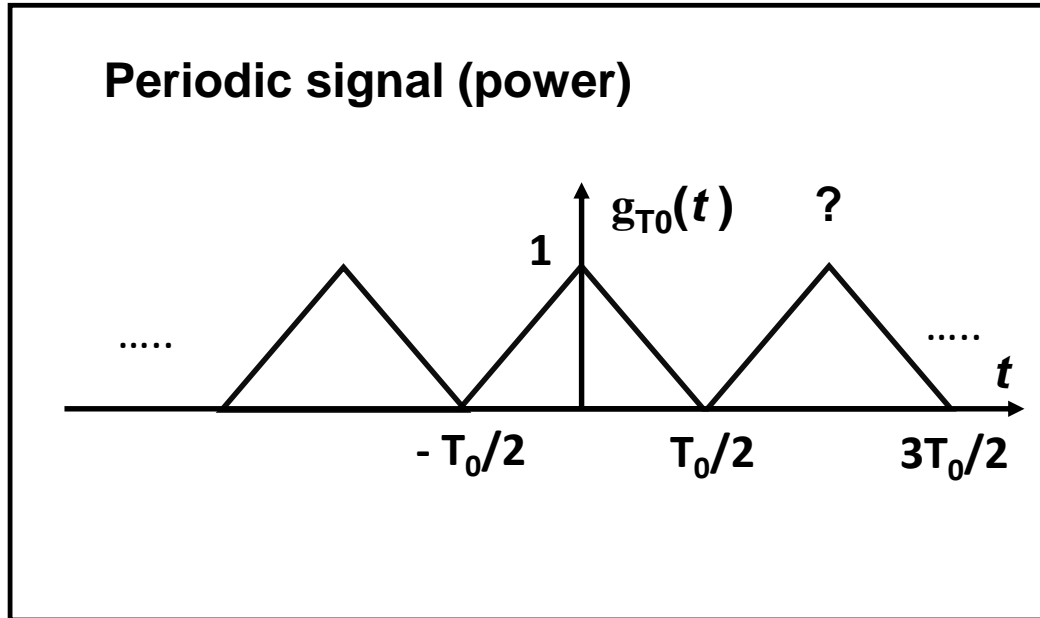
- Physical realizability is a sufficient condition for the existence of a Fourier transform (e.g., all energy signals are Fourier transformable).

Condition for energy signal: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(t)|^2 dt < \infty$

- What about **power** and **periodic signals**? Do they have a Fourier transform?

Fourier Transform of Periodic Signals

- Can Fourier transform works for periodic or power signals?



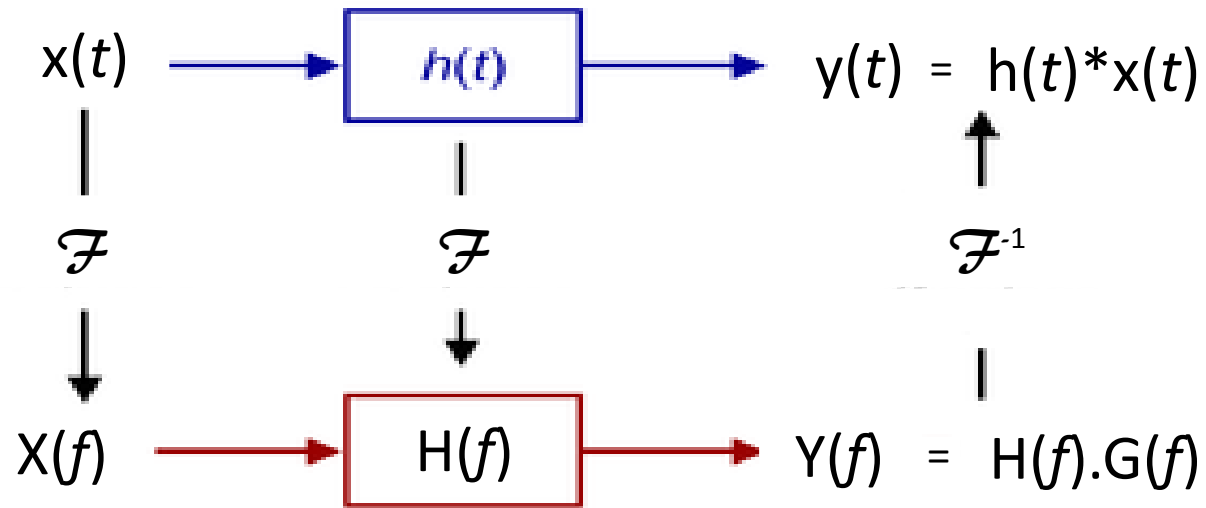
Time shift property

$$g_{T_0}(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} g(t - mT_0) \longrightarrow G_{T_0}(f) = G(f) \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-j2\pi mfT_0), \quad -\infty < f < \infty$$

Fourier Transform for Analyzing Signals and Systems

- Provides the mathematical link between the time domain of a signal (waveform) and its frequency domain (spectrum)
- Time and frequency response of a linear time-invariant (LTI) system defined in terms of its impulse response and frequency response, respectively

Time domain



Frequency domain

LTI system

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } x_1(n) &\rightarrow \boxed{h(n)} \rightarrow y_1(n) \\ \text{and } x_2(n) &\rightarrow \boxed{h(n)} \rightarrow y_2(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } a_1 y_1(n) + a_2 y_2(n) = H\{a_1 x_1(n) + a_2 x_2(n)\}$$

Where a_1, a_2 are scalars

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } x_1(n) &\rightarrow \boxed{h(n)} \rightarrow y_1(n) \\ \text{Then } x_1(n-k) &\rightarrow \boxed{h(n)} \rightarrow y_1(n-k) \end{aligned}$$

(b)

A (a) linear and (b) a time invariant system

Hilbert Transform

- **A quadrature filter:** phase angles of all components of a given signal are shifted by $\pm 90^\circ$

Hilbert transform pair

$\hat{g}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$	$g(t) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\hat{g}(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$
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- Example: $g(t) = \delta(t)$

$$\hat{g}(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau = \frac{1}{\pi t}$$

Using replication property of the delta function

Table 2.3 Hilbert-transform pairs*

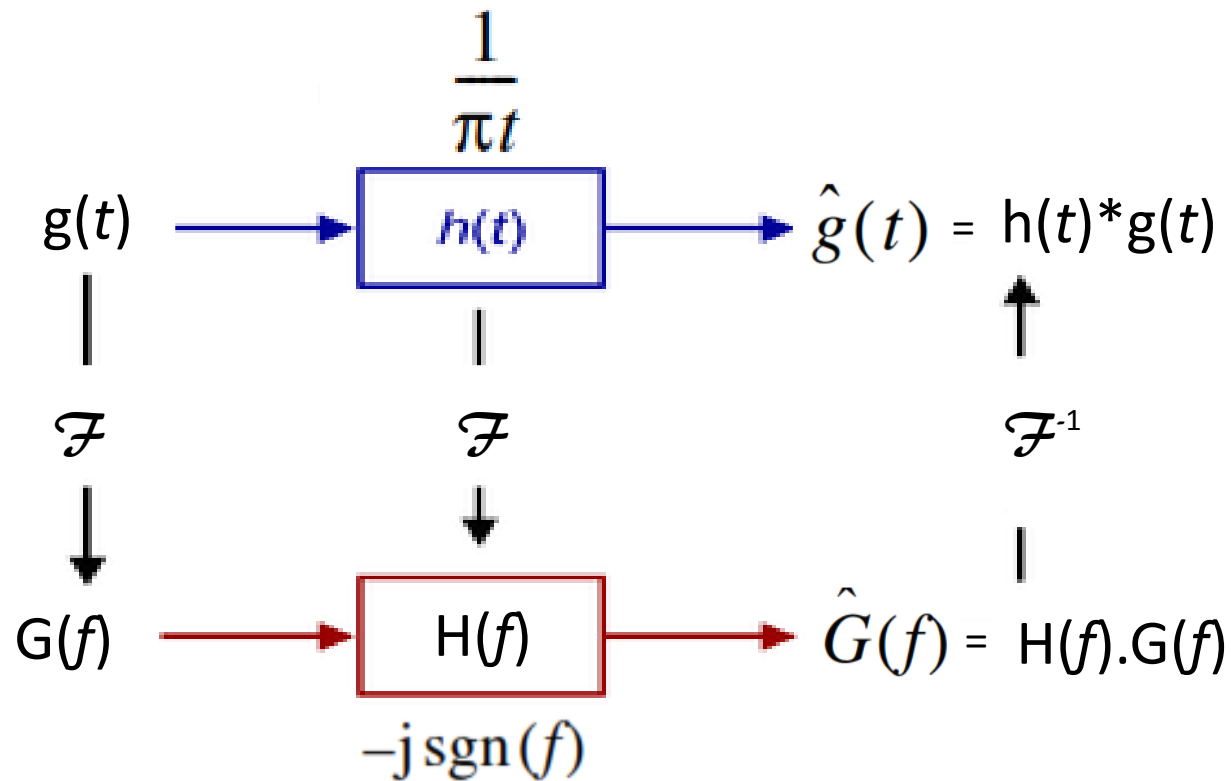
Time function	Hilbert transform	
1. $m(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t)$	$m(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t)$	$m(t)$ is band limited to the interval $-W \leq f \leq W$, where $W < f_c$.
2. $m(t)\sin(2\pi f_c t)$	$-m(t)\cos(2\pi f_c t)$	$m(t)$ is band limited to the interval $-W \leq f \leq W$, where $W < f_c$.
3. $\cos(2\pi f_c t)$	$\sin(2\pi f_c t)$	
4. $\sin(2\pi f_c t)$	$-\cos(2\pi f_c t)$	
5. $\frac{\sin t}{t}$	$\frac{1 - \cos t}{t}$	
6. $\text{rect}(t)$	$-\frac{1}{\pi} \ln \left \frac{t - 1/2}{t + 1/2} \right $	
7. $\delta(t)$	$\frac{1}{\pi t}$	
8. $\frac{1}{1 + t^2}$	$\frac{t}{1 + t^2}$	
9. $\frac{1}{t}$	$-\pi \delta(t)$	

Notes: $\delta(t)$ denotes Dirac delta function; $\text{rect}(t)$ denotes rectangular function; \ln denotes natural logarithm.

* In the first two pairs, it is assumed that $m(t)$ is band limited to the interval $-W \leq f \leq W$, where $W < f_c$.

Hilbert transform (cont'd)

- The function $\hat{g}(t)$ may be interpreted as $g(t) * \frac{1}{\pi t} \Leftrightarrow G(f) \cdot -j \operatorname{sgn}(f)$



$$\frac{1}{\pi t} \Leftrightarrow -j \operatorname{sgn}(f)$$

$$\operatorname{sgn}(f) = \begin{cases} 1, & f > 0 \\ 0, & f = 0 \\ -1, & f < 0 \end{cases}$$

Hilbert Transform properties

1. $|G(f)| = |\hat{G}(f)|$

2. $\arg[G(f)] = -\arg\{\hat{G}(f)\}$

3. A Hilbert pair is orthogonal over the entire time interval

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(t)\hat{g}(t)dt = 0$$

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Deterministic vs. Probabilistic Models

- **Deterministic mathematical model:** if there is no uncertainty about its time-dependent behavior at any instant of time
- **Example:** linear time-invariant systems
- **Problem:** underlying physical phenomenon involves too many unknown factors (e.g., noise, fading, interference)
- **Probabilistic model** accounts uncertainty in mathematical terms
- Probabilistic models are intended to assign probabilities to the collections (sets) of possible outcomes of random experiments

Probability Theory: Sets

- Probability makes extensive use of set operations
- A **set** is a collection of objects, which are the **elements** of the set
- If S is a set and x is an element of S , we write $x \in S$, otherwise $x \notin S$
- A set can have no elements, in which case it is called the **empty set**, denoted by \emptyset
- The set of all possible outcomes of an experiment is the **sample space** or **universe**, denoted Ω
- An **event** A is a (set of) possible outcomes of the experiment, and corresponds to a subset of Ω

Probability Theory: Sets (cont'd)

- Sets can be specified as

$$S = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}.$$

- For example,
 - The set of possible outcomes of a die roll is $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$,
 - The set of possible outcomes of a coin toss is $\{H, T\}$, where H stands for “heads” and T stands for “tails”

Probability Theory: Sets (cont'd)

- Alternatively, we can consider the set of all x that have a certain property P , and denote it by

$$\{x \mid x \text{ satisfies } P\}.$$

(The symbol “ \mid ” is to be read as “such that.”)

- For example,
 - the set of even integers can be written as $\{k \mid k/2 \text{ is integer}\}.$

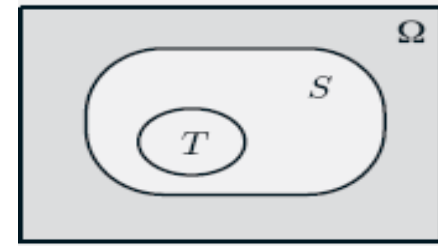
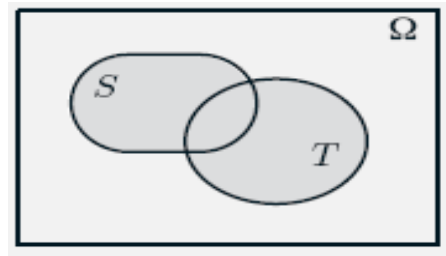
Probability Theory: Sets Operations

○ Complement:

- The **complement** of a set S , with respect to the universe Ω , is the set $\{x \in \Omega \mid x \notin S\}$ of all elements of Ω that do not belong to S , and is denoted by S^c .

○ Union:

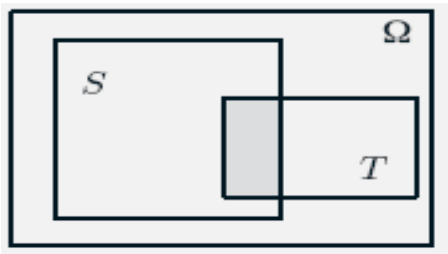
$$S \cup T = \{x \mid x \in S \text{ or } x \in T\},$$



T is a subset of S
 $T \subset S$

○ Intersection:

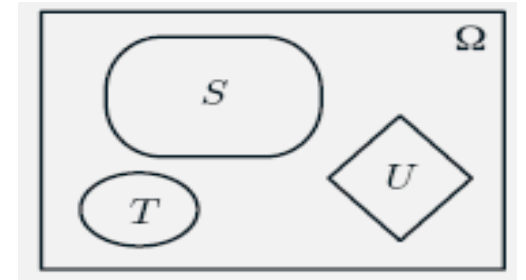
$$S \cap T = \{x \mid x \in S \text{ and } x \in T\}.$$



Probability Theory: Sets Operations

- **Disjoint sets:**

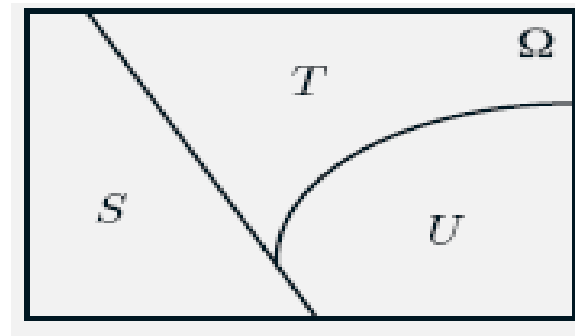
- two sets are said to be **disjoint** if their intersection is empty



- **Partition of a set A :**

- A collection of disjoint subsets of A , where their union is A

Partition of Ω



Probability measure

- A probability law / measure is a function $p(A)$ that assigns a nonnegative value to event A
 - based on the expected proportion of number of times that event A is actually likely to happen: encodes our belief in the likelihood event A occurring when the experiment is conducted

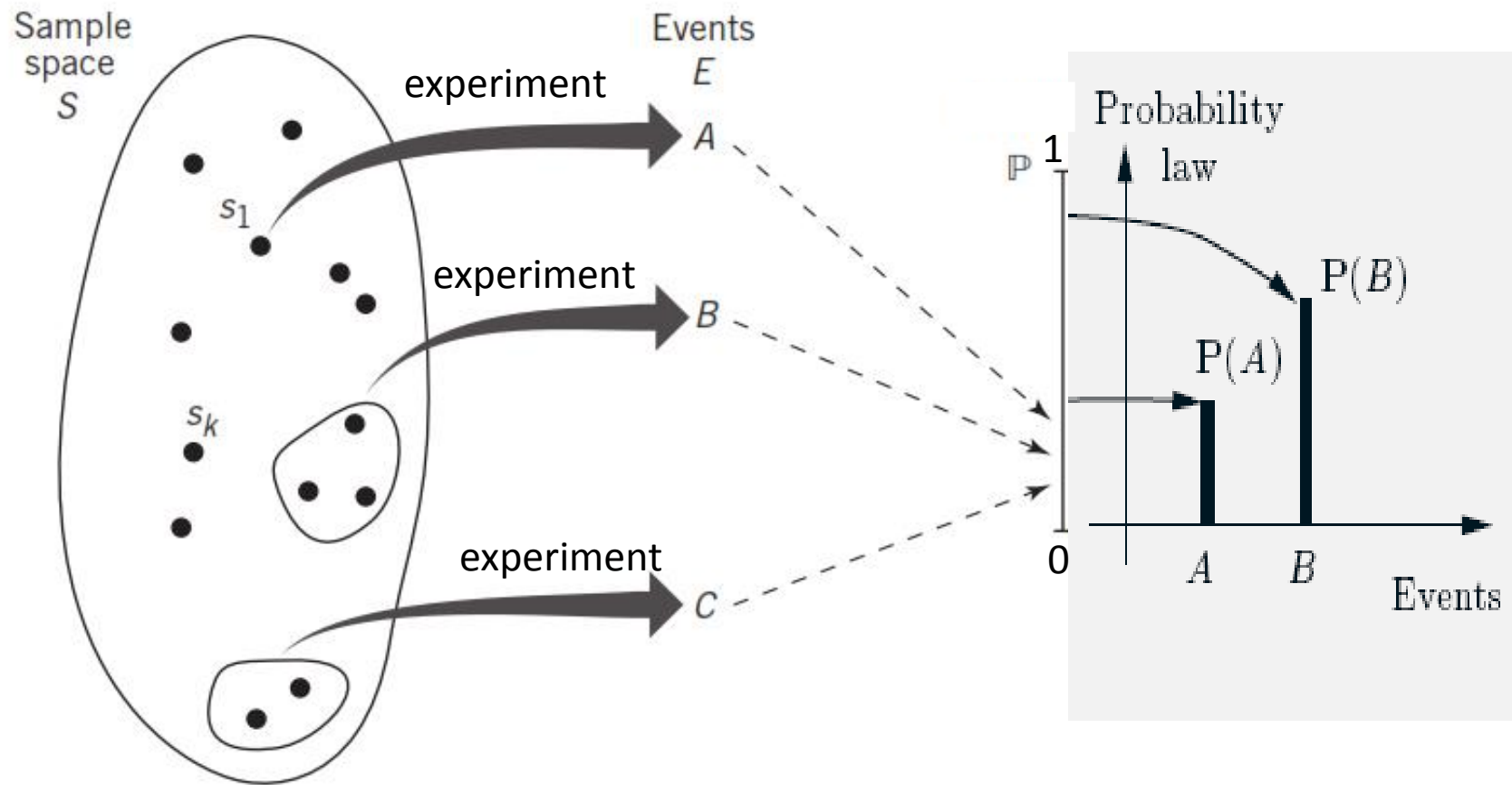


Figure 3.4 Illustration of the relationship between sample space, events, and probability

Probability Theory: Axioms of Probability

Probability Axioms

1. (Nonnegativity) $P(A) \geq 0$, for every event A .
2. (Additivity) If A and B are two disjoint events, then the probability of their union satisfies

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B).$$

More generally, if the sample space has an infinite number of elements and A_1, A_2, \dots is a sequence of disjoint events, then the probability of their union satisfies

$$P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots) = P(A_1) + P(A_2) + \dots.$$

3. (Normalization) The probability of the entire sample space Ω is equal to 1, that is, $P(\Omega) = 1$.

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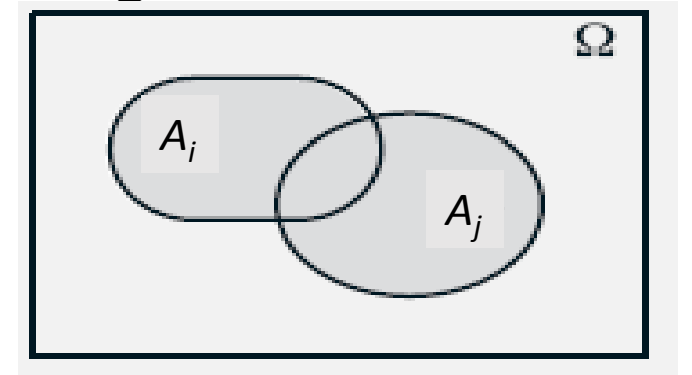
○ The probability function **P(A)** must satisfy the following:

$$0 \leq P(A_i) \leq 1,$$

$$P(\Omega) = \sum P(A_i)$$

$$A_i \cap A_j = \phi \Rightarrow P(A_i \cup A_j) = P(A_i) + P(A_j),$$

$$A_i \cap A_j \neq \phi \Rightarrow P(A_i \cup A_j) = P(A_i) + P(A_j) - P(A_i \cap A_j),$$



Example 1

Example Consider an experiment involving a single coin toss. There are two possible outcomes, heads (H) and tails (T). The sample space is $\Omega = \{H, T\}$, and the events are

$$\{H, T\}, \{H\}, \{T\}, \emptyset.$$

If the coin is fair, i.e., if we believe that heads and tails are “equally likely,” we should assign equal probabilities to the two possible outcomes and specify that $\mathbf{P}(\{H\}) = \mathbf{P}(\{T\}) = 0.5$.

Example 1 (cont'd)

The additivity axiom implies that

$$\mathbf{P}(\{H, T\}) = \mathbf{P}(\{H\}) + \mathbf{P}(\{T\}) = 1,$$

which is consistent with the normalization axiom. Thus, the probability law is given by

$$\mathbf{P}(\{H, T\}) = 1, \quad \mathbf{P}(\{H\}) = 0.5, \quad \mathbf{P}(\{T\}) = 0.5, \quad \mathbf{P}(\emptyset) = 0,$$

and satisfies all three axioms.

Example 2

Consider another experiment involving three coin tosses. The outcome will now be a 3-long string of heads or tails. The sample space is

$$\Omega = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}.$$

We assume that each possible outcome has the same probability of $1/8$.

Example 2 (cont'd)

Consider, as an example, the event

$$A = \{\text{exactly 2 heads occur}\} = \{HHT, HTH, THH\}.$$

Using additivity, the probability of A is the sum of the probabilities of its elements:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{P}(\{HHT, HTH, THH\}) &= \mathbf{P}(\{HHT\}) + \mathbf{P}(\{HTH\}) + \mathbf{P}(\{THH\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} \\ &= \frac{3}{8}.\end{aligned}$$

Random Variables

- Real experiments involve using one or more real valued quantities called random variables
- The outcomes are associated with some numerical values of interest (random variable).
- **Example:** if the experiment is the selection of students from a given population, we may wish to consider their grade point average.

The **random variable** is a function whose domain is a sample space and whose range is some set of real numbers

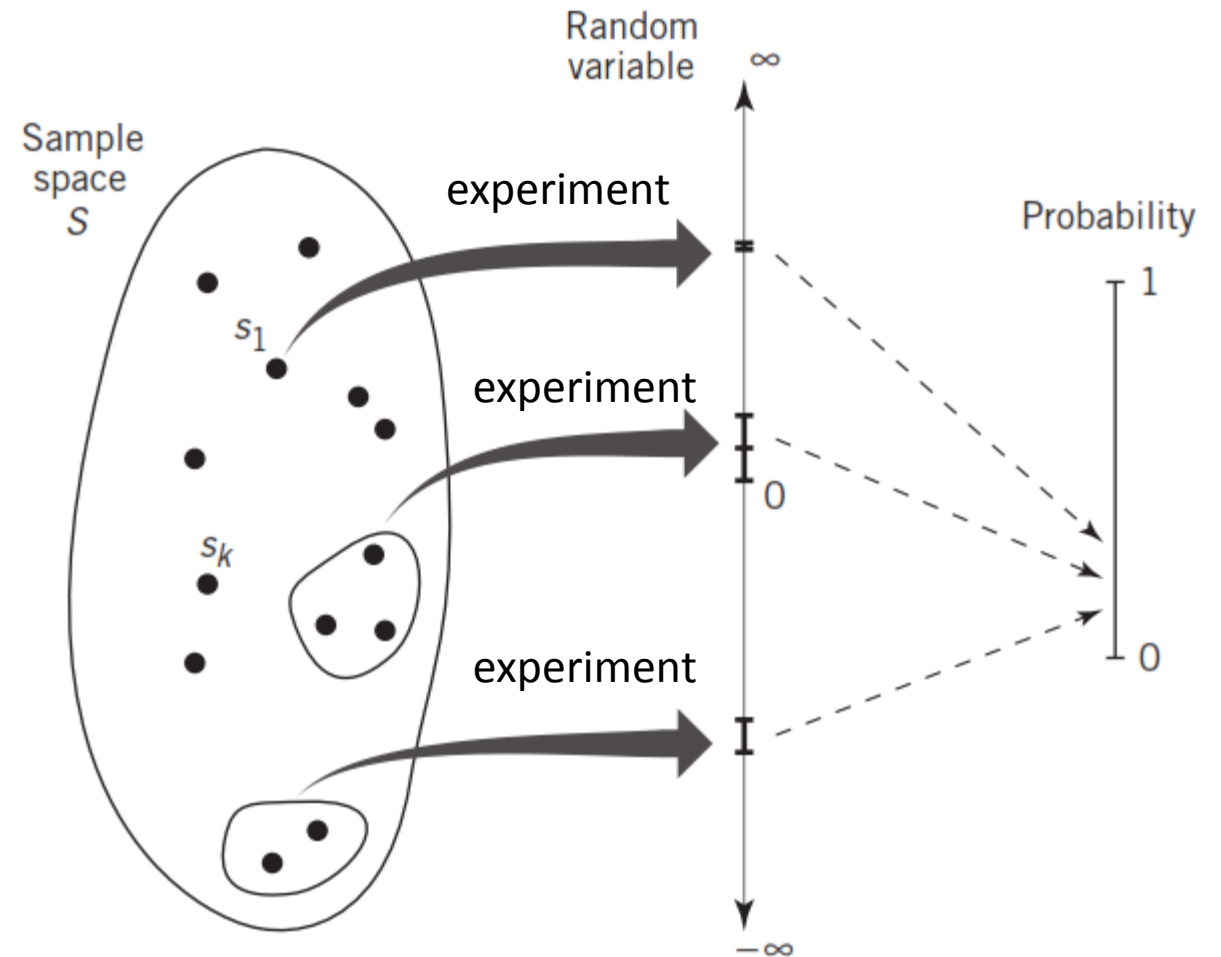


Figure 3.7 Illustration of the relationship between sample space, random variables, and probability.

Discrete and Continuous Random Variables

- Random variables can **discrete**, e.g., the number of heads in three consecutive coin tosses, or **continuous**, the weight of a class member.

Questions